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Governor's Office of Community Service Announces Youth ServeMontana Scholarship Recipients

HELENA, MT – In partnership with Reach Higher Montana and Montana Campus Compact, ServeMontana is proud to announce the recipients of the 2021 Youth ServeMontana Scholarship.

High school seniors from across Montana – Anaconda to Thompson Falls, Roundup to Worden – were selected to receive the \$1,000 scholarship in recognition of their community volunteerism and service leadership. Each of the 91 recipients dedicated a minimum of 50 hours to community service in the past 12 months.

"Faced with the struggles of COVID-19, these young Montanans decided to create hope for their neighbors through a phenomenal 11,946 collective service hours," said Sarah R. Sadowski, Executive Director of ServeMontana and two term AmeriCorps VISTA Alumna. "They sought creative avenues of service to meet a broad scope of community needs and foster connections during a challenging year."

Many recipients served in direct response to COVID-19, delivering meals for their quarantined neighbors, spearheading socially distant Halloween trunk-or-treats, sewing CDC-approved masks, and providing virtual tutoring. Service projects also included peer health education, coaching elementary and middle school sports, maintaining the graves of veterans, highway clean up, and teen substance use prevention.

The Youth ServeMontana Scholarship was created to promote volunteerism among high school students, encourage young leaders to further their learning, and provide tuition assistance for Montana students who wish to attend college in-state at a Montana Campus Compact institution.

Scholarship funds have been made available through support from Reach Higher Montana, a nonprofit dedicated to helping students pursue and fund post-secondary education; and Montana Campus Compact, a collective of campuses committed to removing barriers to education in Montana. ServeMontana, the Governor's Office of Community Service, administers the scholarships.

Recipients will graduate from the following high schools this semester. A full list of recipients can be found on ServeMontana's <u>Youth ServeMontana Scholarship website page</u>. To arrange interviews with recipients in your area, please contact the high school; if you need additional assistance, contact Milly Allen at emily.allen2@mt.gov or 444-9077.

High School	Town
Anaconda Junior and Senior High	Anaconda
Belgrade High School	Belgrade
Big Sandy High School	Big Sandy
Bigfork High School	Bigfork
Billings Senior High	Billings
Billings West High	Billings
Skyview High School	Billings
Bozeman High School	Bozeman
Browning High School	Browning
Butte Central Catholic High School	Butte
Butte High School	Butte
Chester-Joplin-Inverness Public Schools	Chester
Chinook High School	Chinook
Choteau High School	Choteau
Corvallis High School	Corvallis
Cut Bank High School	Cut Bank
Powell County High School	Deer Lodge
Beaverhead County High School	Dillon
Fairfield High School	Fairfield
Frenchtown High School	Frenchtown
Glasgow High School	Glasgow
Capital High School	Helena
Helena High School	Helena
Joliet High School	Joliet
Glacier High School	Kalispell
Flathead High School	Kalispell
Fergus High School	Lewistown
Park High School	Livingston
Malta High School	Malta
Custer County District High School	Miles City
Hellgate High School	Missoula
Park City High School	Park City
Polson High School	Polson
Poplar High School	Poplar
Red Lodge Senior High School	Red Lodge
Ronan High School	Ronan
Roundup High School	Roundup
North Star High School	Rudyard
Shelby High School	Shelby
Sidney High School	Sidney
Thompson Falls High School	Thompson Falls
Broadwater High School	Townsend
Troy High School	Troy
White Sulphur Springs High School	White Sulphur Springs
Whitefish High School	Whitefish
Winifred High School	Winifred

Wolf Point Junior and Senior High School	Wolf Point
Huntley Project High School	Worden

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